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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT BY NBS/WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES

1. EMBASSY HAS OVER PAST TEN DAYS BEEN RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO NBS/WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSTRUCTION FIRMS, FROM SEATTLE WASHINGTON AT URGENT AND PERSONAL REQUEST OF SENATOR MAGNUSON. GROUP HAS COMPLETED TEN-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. THEY WERE UNABLE, HOWEVER, VISIT DHAHRAN, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE URGED THEM INVESTIGATE CAREFULLY PROSPECTS OF SUPPLYING SERVICES TO ARAMCO.

2. ACCORDINGLY, THEY PLAN NOW STOP IN HAGUE MEET WITH ARAMCO REPS THERE. WE INFORMED THEY SHOULD SEEK CONTACT WITH MR. BOWEN, PRESIDENT OF ARAMCO'S HAGUE SUPPLY SUBSIDIARY. NBS/WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL REPS HAVE ASKED IF EMBASSY HAGUE WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH ENDEAVOR ARRANGE MEETING WITH BOWEN 10:30 THURSDAY, AUG 23. THEIR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ON-SHORE FACILITIES IN DHAHRAN REGION.

3. IF APPOINTMENT WITH BOWEN CAN BE SET UP, SUGGEST TELEGRAM BE SENT TO CHIEF, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION, LIVORNO, ITALY, WEHRE GROUP EXPECTS TO VISIT MONDAY,
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AUGUST 20. WE HAVE ENDEAVORED MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT ASSIST THIS

TEAM WHICH COULD PLAY HELPFUL ROLE IN RE-INTRODUCING AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS INTO SAUDI ARABIA AND WHO SEEM PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR USG ASSISTANCE. .

4. GROUP INCLUDES: PERRY B. JOHANSON, MANAGING PARTNER, NARAMORE BAIN BRADY AND JOHANSON, ARCHITECTS-PLANNERS; JOHN B. SKILLING, SKILLING, HELLE, CHRISTIANSEN, ROBERTSON, CONSULTING STRUCTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS; L.F. CHRISTOFFERSON, PRESIDENT, BOUILLON, CHRISTOFFERSON, SCHAIRER, CONSULTING ENGINEERS; EDWARD R. WOLFE, BUSINESS MANAGER, SKILLING, HELLE, CHRISTIANSEN, ROBERTSON, CONSULTING STRUCTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS; HARLAN S. BIXBY, VICE PRESIDENT, HOWARD S. WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.
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